

VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

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The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair House Water and Power Subcommittee 1522 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Via fax: 202,226,6953

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The Honorable Grace Napolitano, Ranking Member House Water and Power Subcommittee 1522 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Valley Center Municipal Water District Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano:

On behalf of the Valley Center Municipal Water District (Valley Center), I want to express our support of HR 2828, reauthorization of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Your HR 2828 is key legislation for our agency and all of Southern California. If passed into law, the \$880 million re-authorization explicitly identifies the program's goals to include increased water supply and yield, including a requirement for new storage feasibility studies. Equally critical, Title II of the bill authorizes several vital south Delta improvements, such as increasing the SWP pumping limit to 8,500 cfs and the actual pumping capacity increased to 10,300 cfs.

Valley Center appreciates your hard work to restore balance in funding for the Bay-Delta Program, and make the process more meaningful and focused on improved water supply and supply reliability. We also appreciate your commitment and dedication to moving reauthorization of this program forward at this critical time.

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General Manager

cc: Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

Representatives Randy Cunningham, Duncan Hunter, Bob Filner,

and Susan Davis

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